

CLAIMS

- 1/ A system for changing the communication means used for communication between two software agents, the system further comprising a communication server, and each of
5 said software agents including:
- a communication module giving access to said communication means; and
 - means for receiving a new communication module from said communication server.
- 10 2/ A system according to claim 1, in which said software agents further comprise means for sending a request to said communication server to cause said new communication module to be transited.
- 15 3/ A system according to claim 1, in which said communication server includes means for receiving requests for loading communication means from a man-machine interface, causing said new communication module
20 to be transmitted.
- 4/ A system according to claim 1, in which said communication server further includes means for responding to internal rules to decide that said new
25 communication module should be transmitted.
- 5/ A system according to claim 1, in which said communication module is loaded dynamically by said software agents.
- 30 6/ A system according to claim 1, in which said software agents and said communication modules communicate via a common programming interface.
- 35 7/ A method of correcting a breakdown in a communication means used between two software agents, the method comprising the following ordered steps:

- said software agents sending messages to a communication server informing it of said breakdown;

- said server sending communication modules to said software agents, said communication modules being
5 designed to give access to a different communication means; and

- said software agents using said communication modules to continue communicating.